

'AM INNOCENT,' SAY MISS KNOX AND EASTLAKE

Spouse of Victim Swears That Crime Shall Be Avenged. NURSE SAY SHE IS KIN TO ROOSEVELT Denying Guilt, Tells Reporters Police Seek to Convict Someone.

By J. HAROLD KEEN. (Staff Correspondent of The Washington Herald.) FREDERICKSBURG, Va., Oct. 2.—"I am innocent of this brutal crime and am being made the victim of an effort on the part of police authorities to fix the blame on some one, regardless of their guilt."

This was the emphatic statement made by Miss Sarah Knox, arrested in connection with the slaying of Mrs. Margaret Eastlake, as she stood in her cell in the city jail here this afternoon. Later in the day Roger Eastlake, husband of the slain woman, made a similar statement professing his innocence as dadding that he would give every ounce of life that he possessed to see that the murderer was properly punished.

With a guard stationed in front of the cells occupied by the prisoners an additional guard around the jail building, the prisoners spent the day more restfully than at any time since their arrest. One woman, who is a newspaper representative, Miss Knox, who was cheerful and apparently without fear was clad in a blue serge dress with white collar and cuffs.

Eastlake Seem Uneasy. Eastlake, with a beard of several days' growth, wore a white shirt and white navy trousers. Although more composed than previously, he did not appear wholly at ease and was talking to the State prison warden for long periods at a time. Rumors of a so-called nature were gaining wide circulation throughout the city today.

One woman, who is a newspaper representative, said that a petition will be made to have the trial of the prisoners transferred from Westmoreland County to Spotsylvania County owing to the hostile attitude which has been assumed by the inhabitants of the county in which the crime was committed. Another, which is being generally mentioned, is that the prisoners will be removed to the State prison at Richmond so that they will be more secure against a recurrence of lynchings.

Counsel Will Demand Hearing. Butner announced that he had not as yet secured sufficient information on the case to warrant the issuance of a statement. With the release of the prisoners, the case will be heard by the grand jury until October 24.

The presence of the alleged slayers in the city has taken place over all activities. The murder and prisoners are being discussed on street corners and practically everywhere that several persons come to a focal attraction, and throughout the day crowds gathered before it while others more bold attempted to peer through the windows.

Miss Knox Denies Guilt. "I had nothing to do with this terrible and atrocious affair," said Miss Knox, "and I am being shamefully treated by the authorities who not having anyone to place the blame upon their own shoulders, are placing it upon me."

Miners Oppose Law for Light Wines and Beer

Convention Also Asks Legislation to Ban Members Who Violate Laws.

INDIANAPOLIS, Oct. 3.—American miners oppose a resolution from prohibition even to the extent of legislating light wines and beer.

A resolution endorsing light wine and beer was refused adoption in the international convention of the miners today.

The convention adopted resolutions asking the American Legion to "set its house in order," by getting rid of members who violate laws.

Resolutions favoring an alliance with the railroad brotherhoods, self-determination for Ireland, release of political prisoners, investigation by President Harding of Mingo County, W. Va., mining companies and abolition of the mine guard system were also adopted.

HUGHES PRAISES DANTE AS POET OF CHRISTIAN FAITH

Secretary Declares Great Italian Belonged to All People.

At the exercises on the Dante anniversary at the National Museum last evening, the Secretary of State read the following letter from the President:

"My dear Mr. Secretary: I wish you would be good enough to express my regrets to the gathering at the National Museum on Monday night for the memorial service to the anniversary of the death of Dante Alighieri."

OFFICER SLAIN IN CLASH WITH SIN FEINERS

Bitter Feeling in Galway Breaks Out in Gun Fight at Dance.

THREE CUT WAY OUT OF PRISON

British Position in Arms Parley Depends on Peace With Erin.

DUBLIN, Oct. 3.—Bitter feeling between Republican and crown forces, which the truce has hitherto held in check in the west of Ireland, came to a head in Galway tonight.

In a gun fight outside the Galway town hall, where a Sinn Fein dance was in progress, an army lieutenant was killed and a constable seriously wounded. Republican losses were not known.

Sinn Feiners attending the dance resented the presence near the hall of armed troops and black and tans, and a quarrel started in which revolvers were freely used on both sides.

Three Escape Prison Camp. Cutting through barbed-wire entanglements and iron fences, and burrowing like moles beneath a heavily guarded blockhouse, three interned Sinn Fein prisoners made a daring and successful escape from the prison camp at Curragh tonight.

They have fled into the open country, and the restrictions of the truce have prevented the British from recapturing them.

The prisoners had been locked in a guardhouse, about which the guard of crown forces had been materially strengthened owing to recent escapes. With implements smuggled to them by other interned Sinn Feiners, they cut an opening through the corrugated iron wall of the guardhouse, climbed their way through two rows of barbed-wire entanglements piled high to prevent just such an attempt, and finished their trip to freedom by going down under ground, scraping and burrowing a tunnel through which they finally dragged themselves.

HARDING PICKS PAYNE TO HEAD RED CROSS HERE

John Barton Payne, of Washington and Chicago, Secretary of the Interior, has been selected by President Harding today as chairman of the central committee of the American Red Cross.

Mr. Payne will assume charge of American Red Cross affairs here October 15, succeeding Dr. Livingston Farrand, who has resigned.

Announcement of Mr. Payne's selection was made at the White House last evening, where it was stated that the President was pleased to select a man whose known the selection because of his warm admiration of Judge Payne personally and his very high opinion of his capacity to do things.

MARINES ENCAP AT FALMOUTH ON WAY TO QUANTICO

Troops Make 25-Mile Hike Showing Beneficial Results of Camp.

FREDERICKSBURG, Va., Oct. 3.—After breaking camp in the Wilderness this morning and hiking twenty-five miles on their return trip to Quantico, the Marine Expeditionary Force is encamped tonight three miles north of Falmouth, on the Richmond-Washington road.

The men covered the first lap of their fifty-mile journey home in the best of shape and spirits. Out of the whole force of more than 4,000 men not one failed to complete the long day's march, and the site selected for the night's camp was reached at about 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

So well did the men stand the march that when the column turned out of the road into the fields where the camp was pitched, company after company took up the cry, "Quantico, Quantico, let's go on to Quantico!"

Week in Camp Beneficial. By making the march from the Wilderness to Quantico in two days the Marine force will have accomplished the feat of making fifty miles in that period. For troops which have lived in barracks until a week ago, this is a remarkable accomplishment. The march south took three days, and many of the men were badly used up at the end of the third day.

NAVY WILL USE SPEEDY LINER FOR FLAGSHIP

Hopes to Solve Strategy Problems in Field Maneuvers.

INVOLVES PHASE OF ARMS PARLEY

Basis of Limitation May Depend on America's Merchant Marine.

By ROBERT J. BENDER. The Great Northern, used as an armament during the war and because of her size and speed, eminently fitted for passenger and cargo service in America's merchant marine, is en route from San Domingo, to an Atlantic Coast navy yard for a unique naval experiment.

It is the purpose of the navy to fit up the Great Northern for use as Admiral Hillary Jones' flagship in the fleet maneuvers next January when the Atlantic and Pacific divisions unite off the Panama Canal for gun practice and drill.

Problem for World Navies. For two reasons the experiment is being watched by foreign powers with deep interest. The first is the fact that the Great Northern is a fast liner, and the second is the fact that the navy is planning to use her as a fast transport.

Decides on Experiment. In both instances the lack of proper facilities for carrying the board of strategy along on any ship has created a problem which the United States government is trying to solve. It has been decided to experiment with the fast liner, with its greater room facilities, to determine whether or not it is a suitable vessel for the navy.

Involve Naval Power. But while the experiment with the Great Northern is purely one of strategy in which foreign powers are interested because they, too, are seeking to solve the problem of carrying a board of strategy, there is another interesting phase of the entrance of such vessels into naval service.

Can Convert Merchant Ships. On the other hand, it is admitted that even if actual fighting ships were converted into merchant ships, having large merchant marines would still have a dominating position because of the ease with which merchant ships could be converted into fighting ships.

Irish Republican Forces Keep Up Armed Maneuvers

No Secret is Made of Preparations for Resuming Conflict if Peace Negotiations Fail.

(Special Cable to The Washington Herald and Chicago Tribune.) DUBLIN, Oct. 3.—That the Irish Republicans are drilling and arming constantly is well known, and they make comparatively little effort to conceal it. In fact, it was by invitation that a few newspaper men, as well as a moving picture operator, visited one of their army camps in Dublin Mountains.

Twenty minutes' drive in a taxi brought us to some grounds where, remote from a highway, 500 young men were engaged in all kinds of military maneuvers.

Sharp words of command filled the air, while a band played. There was nothing casual about the work. It was earnest and thorough, and every countenance bore an impress of fixed determination. Denying that it will be a long enough barrel to make it extremely effective.

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Many Branches Represented. About 100 men in a signal corps outfit were intent on acquiring perfect command of the Morse code, while further off were medical service stretcher-bearers and first-aid men. For the latter high praise was claimed for their good work in action.

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HARDING ASKS ALL SECTIONS TO AD JOBLESS

Appeals to Governors and Mayors for Co-operation.

COMMENTS PLAN OF CONFERENCE

House May Adopt Senate Plan for Road Building Fund.

President Harding yesterday, in an official appeal, called upon the nation to mobilize to provide jobs for the jobless and otherwise meet the needs of the army of unemployed, that a winter of widespread distress may be averted.

He issued a public request to government and mayors to form the organizations and take other steps recommended by the unemployment conference.

Public and private relief work throughout the country will be coordinated by the War Relocation Administration in Washington, the personnel and plans of which will be announced tomorrow by Secretary of Commerce Hoover.

The President's appeal follows: "The conference which I recently summoned to Washington to advise me on the unemployment situation has demonstrated that an unusual volume of unemployment exists, and that pending the recuperation of trade the situation cannot be met, in due regard to our obligations and necessities, without a much more than normal co-operation throughout those States and municipalities where unemployment has reached considerable proportions."

"The conference has recommended a plan of organization which has had the support of commercial, manufacturing, professional and labor representatives of the country. It is highly necessary that more accurate knowledge should be had, through such organization, of the volume and necessities of the unemployed. It is essential that the co-operation of all sections of the community should be brought into action behind such organization to provide work and assistance that may pass through the emergency winter without great suffering and distress. It is of national importance that every community should at once undertake such organization in order that the nation may be protected against a winter of such a task is sure to start a thousand activities which will add to our common welfare."

Appeals for Unity. "I, therefore, appeal to the governors and mayors of the nation that they should take the steps recommended by the conference. In order that the nation may be united in action by all the forces which may be brought to bear whether governmental or private, the unemployment conference is establishing an agency to coordinate the various elements in the community. This committee will develop and carry through a community plan for meeting the emergency, using existing agencies and local groups as far as practicable. One immediate step should be to coordinate and establish efficient public employment agencies and to register all those desiring work. It should co-ordinate the work of the various charitable institutions. Regulations for relief should be strictly separate from that for employment."

PENROSE DENIES ATTEMPT TO KILL TARIFF MEASURE

Says Administration and Party Seek Early Enactment.

The tariff bill will be passed "as promptly as possible," according to Senator Penrose, chairman of the Committee on Finance.

However, the House Ways and Means Committee Monday, believing that the bill would become law this evening, decided in favor of extending the emergency tariff, which expires November 27. It is the consensus of Congressional opinion, to which both President Harding and Secretary Mellon subscribe, that it will be impossible to bring the tariff measure before the House before the permanent tariff before the early part of December, when the next regular session of Congress convenes.

Penrose Denies Rumors. Penrose said that stories that the administration, or elements in Congress, were seeking to kill the bill, or to delay it indefinitely, are without foundation.

He announced that hearings would begin November 1 on the live stock sections of the measure, and would continue from then on. A conference will be held by the twelve members of the Finance Committee and of the Ways and Means Committee of the House on sections of the bill which are causing trouble.

"There is a widespread impression in circulation that in some way the administration, or a considerable coterie in Congress, desires to postpone or kill the tariff bill," said Penrose. "I would like to deny this rumor for once and for all. There is absolutely nothing in it."

Desire to Pass Bill. "The administration and the Republican party in both Houses of Congress, so far as I am informed, and I have zealously investigated the matter, are desirous of passing tariff legislation as promptly as possible. I do not know of any delay that will be held by any member of the Finance Committee and of the Ways and Means Committee of the House on sections of the bill which are causing trouble."

GREENFIELD HELD FOR GRAND JURY IN BANK ROBBERY

Again Committed to Jail In Default of Bail Of \$10,000.

Philip Rudolph Greenfield, 26 years old a native of Savannah, Ga., alleged bank robber was held for the grand jury yesterday in Washington, D. C., under \$10,000 bond on two charges of robbery in connection with holding up the Georgia avenue branch of the People's Commercial and Savings Bank, and the holding up of H. W. Kendrick, of 3271 M street northwest.

The prosecution, conducted by Assistant District Attorney Ralph Greenfield, is continuing to identify Greenfield as the man who held up Kendrick and leaving it to the grand jury to decide whether or not to introduce three important witnesses to identify Greenfield.

Tells of Gun "Purchase". Kendrick was the first witness called. He testified that Greenfield entered his sporting goods store on the afternoon of July 7 last and asked to see a revolver. While the weapon was being shown, Kendrick said, Greenfield tricked him into loading it and leaving it in his hands. Greenfield then backed away a few feet, the witness said, and ordered the storekeeper to throw up his hands, with a revolver in his hand, and to procure a gun by stealing it.

Ernest Scott Brown, vice president and acting cashier of the bank, testified that Greenfield came into the bank shortly before noon on July 18 and asked for "the man I saw this morning—is he here?" Upon being told that the man was not in, Brown said, Greenfield then leveled a gun at him and said, "Give me the tens and twenties you got and make it snappy."

WIDOW CONTESTS G. W. BEACH'S WILL

NEW YORK, Oct. 3.—The will of George W. Beach, son of Moses W. Beach, one of the founders of the New York Sun, will be contested by his widow, Almira, who was ignored in the provisions bequeathing the estate to two nephews, Ernest Gallier, vice president of the Western Union Telegraph Company, and Edward B. Gallier, of Norwalk, Conn.

A fight for the estate will be made by the widow solely as a matter of principle, Louis A. Cuvillier, her attorney, said today. Mrs. Beach contends her husband was of unsound mind and influenced by his nephew.

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The basis of this government's naval limitations is to be kept secret until the conference meets. And in the secret are the future plans for the American merchant marine, for that will be a talking point from either of the two angles it presents.

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CHURCH ROW VICTIM HAD HEART DISEASE

NEW YORK, Oct. 3.—Father Kiriloff Vafraakis, pastor of the St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church, in Cedar street, was cleared from all blame today in connection with the death of Nicholas Vafraakis, son of the church service on Sunday. The autopsy revealed that heart disease, probably due to overexcitement, was the cause of death. The autopsy showed that Vafraakis' heart was enlarged and his lungs congested and his larynx inflamed.

Father Vafraakis, Xenophon Rasakis, the sexton, and three members of the congregation, were summoned to the district attorney's office today. When it was made clear to the attorney that no wrong was discovered upon the body the priest and witnesses were allowed to go free.

Reports that the victim's skull was fractured from a blow from a candlestick were disproved by the autopsy.

\$100,000 OFFERED FOR CANCER CURE

NEW YORK, Oct. 3.—A prize of \$100,000 to go to the discoverer of a medicinal remedy for the relief of cancer says an announcement published today by the Cosmopolitan Cancer Research Society, Inc., with headquarters in Brooklyn.

The prize is offered by a donor who stipulated that he shall remain unknown until the prize is awarded. The award, says the society's announcement, is made in anticipation of National Cancer Week, October 30 to November 5, when clinics and conferences will take place throughout the United States at which such a cure may be announced.

CALIFORNIA FLOOD TIES UP RAILROADS

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Oct. 3.—Flood conditions in the Palo Verde and Coachella Valley of Southern California were serious today, according to reports received by railroad officials.

The Western Union, operating the only commercial telegraph wire into the Blythe district, reported that its line had failed.

CULPEPER RESIDENT HURT IN COLLISION

CULPEPER, Va., Oct. 3.—A collision on South Main street yesterday afternoon between a car and a truck driven by J. H. Rhodes, of a party of six from Frederick County, and an automobile occupied by Charles and Thomas Hawk, of this city, resulted in the latter being seriously cut and injured. Rhodes, the occupants of the other car were seriously injured, but the car was badly smashed.